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## Entertainments.

THEATRE ROYAL,  
CITY HALL,  
HONGKONG.

THIS EVENING,  
(THURSDAY), October 31st, 1878.

THE ROYAL ENGLISH OPERA  
AND  
OPERA BOUFFE COMPANY  
Will Repeat (by General Desire)  
CHAR. LECOCQ'S COMIC OPERA  
"GIROFLE-GIROFLA,"  
In Three Acts.

MISS ELCIA MAY  
as  
GIROFLE-GIROFLA.

CAST OF CHARACTERS:

GIROFLE { Twin { Miss ELCIA MAY.  
GIROFLE { Sisters { Miss A. DEAGER.  
Marsquin,..... Miss A. DEAGER.  
Don Bolo d'Alce,..... Mr H. PHILLIPS.  
Reza,..... Mr H. PHILLIPS.  
Mourzouk,..... Mr H. VERNON.  
Pedro,..... Mr J. ROLLINGS.  
Aurore,..... Miss B. DANGER.  
Pequita,..... Miss CLARA STANLEY.  
Pirates, Moors, &c.

MUSICAL DIRECTOR,..... MR F. PANIZZA.

The Operas are produced under the Sole  
direction of  
MR H. VERNON.

Tickets to be had and Seats secured at  
Messrs KRUZ & Co.'s, where a Plan of the  
Theatre may be seen.

PRICES OF ADMISSION:  
Dress Circle or Orchestra  
Stalls..... Two DOLLARS.  
Pit..... ONE DOLLAR.

Ladies unaccompanied by Gentlemen  
cannot be admitted.

Hongkong, October 31, 1878. no1

HONGKONG TEMPERANCE HALL.

THE OPENING ENTERTAINMENT for the  
Winter will be given on MONDAY,  
4th November, at 8.30 p.m., when "Pro-  
fessor" LOLO will ask the Audience to spend  
"AN EVENING IN FAIRYLAND."

Programmes will be issued.

PRICES OF ADMISSION:  
50 Cents and 25 Cents.  
Hongkong, October 28, 1878. no5

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.  
THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of  
Mr DAVID ROBERT FENTON  
CRAWFORD, in our Shanghai Firm,  
CEASED on 31st March last.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.  
Shanghai, October 10, 1878. no4

NORTH CHINA INSURANCE  
COMPANY.

FROM This Date, and during the  
Absence of the Undersigned, Mr  
REGINALD DIGBY STARKEY is autho-  
rized to Act as AGENT for the Company in  
Hongkong.

J. KENNARD DAVIS,  
Agent.  
Hongkong, October 15, 1878. no15

NOTICE.  
THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr  
ARTHUR CHART in our Firm  
CEASED on the 31st December last.

J. INGLIS & Co.  
Hongkong, June 13, 1878. no13

NOTICE.  
MR NG MEI KUM otherwise called  
NG BOK MUN is admitted a  
Partner in our Firm from the 2nd  
February, 1878.

TACK MEE, HOP KEE HONG,  
No. 9 & 11, Bonham Strand West.  
Hongkong, September 30, 1878.

NOTICE.  
THE Interest and Responsibility of the  
late Mr NG SIN FOO otherwise  
called NG HOK SEE in our Firm CEASED  
from the 2nd February, 1878.

TACK MEE, HOP KEE HONG,  
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Hongkong, September 30, 1878. no30

NOTICE.  
THE Interest and Responsibility of the  
Undersigned in the Chinese Mail,  
華郵 (Wah Tse Yat Po),  
CEASED from the 1st August, 1877, but  
Debt prior to that Date will be received  
and paid by him.

ORUN AYIN.  
Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

NOTICE.  
IN Reference to the above, the Under-  
signed has LEASED the Chinese Mail  
from the 1st August, 1877, and has engaged  
the services of Mr LEONG YOON OAU,  
as Translator and General Manager of the  
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## Notices to Consignees.

GERMAN STEAMSHIP *VULCAN*,  
WINZEN, Master, FROM HAMBURG,  
PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above  
Steamer are hereby informed that  
their Goods are being landed and stored at  
their risk in the Godowns of the Under-  
signed, from whence delivery may be ob-  
tained.

Consignees wishing to take delivery of  
their Goods from the Boats alongside the  
Wharf are at liberty to do so.

Goods remaining in store after the 2nd  
November next will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless  
written notice to the contrary be given  
before Noon to-day.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

W.M. PUSTAV & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, October 28, 1878. no2

## Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor  
Owners will be Responsible for any  
Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew  
of the following Vessels, during their stay  
in Hongkong Harbour:

IMPERIAL ELISABETH, Austrian ship,  
Capt. Hreglich.—D. Muses & Co.

GLAMIS, British bark, Captain Key.—  
Russell & Co.

BEETHOVEN, German barque, Capt. R.  
Hebe.—Molchers & Co.

LODGE MACAULAY, British barque, Capt.  
R. B. Monkman.—W.M. Pustav & Co.

FONTEKAYE, British ship, Capt. Geo. B.  
Taylor.—Athold, Karberg & Co.

SPINAWAY, Brit. barque, Capt. Pringle.—  
Siemens & Co.

COMMISSION, British ship, Captain A.  
Morison.—Meyer & Co.

PEIRO, German barque, Captain O.  
Christianse.—Arthold, Karberg & Co.

PITANILLA, British barque, Captain  
Wallace.—Captain.

Not Responsible for Debts of Crew:

HERAT, British ship, Captain Chas.  
Robertson.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

## To-day's Advertisements.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES  
MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship  
"TANANIS."

Commandant De La MARCELLE  
will be despatched for YOKO-  
HAMA on FRIDAY, the 1st November,  
at Daylight.

H. du POUEY,  
Agent.

Hongkong, October 31, 1878.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES  
MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship  
"AMAZONE."

Commandant DIDIER, will be  
despatched for SHANGHAI on  
SATURDAY, the 2nd November, at  
6 a.m.

H. du POUEY,  
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Hongkong, October 31, 1878.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES  
MARITIMES.

S. S. AMAZONE.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per S. S.  
Copernic, from London, in connec-  
tion with the above Steamer, are hereby  
informed that their Goods are being  
landed and stored at their risk at the Com-  
pany's Godowns, whence delivery may be  
obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on,  
unless intimation is received from the Con-  
signees, before To-day, the 31st Inst., at  
2 p.m., requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by  
the Undersigned.

Goods remaining unclaimed after THURS-  
DAY, the 7th November, at Noon, will be  
subject to rent and landing charge.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

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Having written to Canton to obtain, if possible, some information regarding the rebel hosts said to be swarming in the neighbourhood of that fatal city, well informed correspondent replies to us in the following hopeless strain—“ What are you driving at ? We are in peace and quiet. No ragamuffins, Kwang-ai or other. Perhaps the *Roochians* come across from Afghanistan. Haven’t seen the *Press*, but there evidently has been a nightmare. Been say a dozen miles up the river to-day and returned. Didn’t meet a Turk at all ! ”

The Band 74th Highlanders will perform the following programme at the Officer’s Mess to-morrow night commencing at 9.15 p.m.—

Quadrille,.....*Soldaten*,.....*Faulwetter*,  
Overture,.....*Il Conte d’Ester*,.....*Mercadante*,  
Selection,.....*Elair d’Amore*,.....*Donizetti*,  
Value,.....*Queen of the Fete*,.....*Cooke*,  
Selection,.....*Scotch*,.....*Carvalho*,  
Galop,.....*Babil and Bijou*,.....*Rivier*.

M. J. BUGANAY, Bandmaster.

We understand that a proclamation has been issued by the Chief Magistrate of Namhoi, in accordance with instructions from the Viceroy, calling out the volunteers. This step has, however, nothing whatever to do with the rebels in Kwang-ai, being merely a precaution taken towards the close of every year for the protection of the City against the raids of marauders who infest the country in the winter months. Other cities will follow suit in due course. Every wealthy or well-to-do householder has to contribute 5 candareens and poorer folks 2½ candareens monthly towards defraying the expenses incurred in supporting these volunteers.

The points of law reserved in the charge of embezzlement against H. S. Huffam, etc to be argued next Saturday, as the arguments have not yet been prepared. There was a civil case set down for hearing to-day—Lo Mui v. Hu Mui and another—which has also been postponed. The Attorney General said that he had been conferring with Mr. Francis, who had made some objections and wished to have some matter inserted which would help him to sustain his argument. The A. G. said that he should like to shew His Lordship the decision they had arrived at, and as it was of the greatest importance that public business should take precedence of civil, he would ask to have the civil case set down for hearing to-day postponed, as otherwise it would be impossible to prepare the arguments in the criminal case by Saturday. His Lordship asked if Mr. Haylar was agreeable. Mr. Haylar said he was, but that he had to go to Canton, and would possibly not be back before Monday evening. The civil case was therefore adjourned until half-past 10 o’clock on Wednesday next.

A SOLEMN High Mass, with Pontifical assistance, was celebrated this morning by the Rev. Father Francisco Xavier da Silva, at the Roman Catholic Cathedral, Wellington Street, in thanksgiving for the happy reign of H. M. F. M. Dom Luiz I, whose 40th birthday anniversary our Portuguese colonists patriotically celebrate. H. E. the Governor and Mrs. Hennessy, the French Consuls of Hongkong and Canton, and several of the leading Catholic residents attended by special invitation from Mr. Consul Barreto. At the conclusion of the mass the Right Revd. Bishop Rainaud gave the benediction; the five organ of the Cathedral playing the Portuguese National Anthem.

A banquet, which was numerously attended, was given at the Lusitano Club last evening; several patriotic toasts were proposed, and at midnight the health of H. M. Dom Luiz was drank with enthusiasm. Mr. A. G. Romano, the worthy President of the Club, and Honorary Consul, was the mover of this celebration. To-night the Portuguese Amateur will perform, at their theatre, the drama entitled “O Hermitao de Cabana,” to be followed by the laughable farce “Marquim, a estalajadeira.” The facade of the Lusitano Club will be illuminated to-night, a well-painted portrait of the King being placed above the coat of arms of Portugal over the doorway.

We understand that, beyond the firing of salutes, there will be no other festivities at Macao, the Government House, which was destroyed by the typhoon of 1874, not being yet in a fit state for the usual celebration.

WITH reference to the recent murder at High Street, we give below an account of what occurred before the Magistrate, when the deceased and the 2nd defendant, now charged with deceased’s death, were fined for quarrelling. The case appeared much too trivial to be noticed at the time, and judging from the account which we give below, which is copied from the depositions kindly shown us, there is nothing to indicate that the offence then committed was anything more than one of those ordinary street squabbles of which we may see dozens both here

and elsewhere daily. According to the evidence given before the Magistrate, the men were simply wrestling and used no bamboo or other dangerous weapon. Taking all these facts into consideration it was hardly surprising that the Magistrate should let the offenders off with a nominal fine. He, as is shown from the depositions, told the 2nd defendant (the unfortunate man who has since met his death) to summon the 1st defendant and his brother if they annoyed him again. A fine of 10 cents is a consideration to a coolie, but at the same time a fine should be such that the person fined shall feel it as a punishment. It would be much better to discharge a defendant with a caution in cases where the charge appears to be trivial.

Chen Aft, master of the On Sing Chander’s shop, and Luu Ai, coolies were charged with behaving in a disorderly manner and creating a disturbance at High Street. P. C. 220 Ho Akwong declared that at about 10 a.m. to-day (25 October) the defendants were wrestling and creating a disturbance in High Street.

First defendant said: second defendant accused me and my brother of shoving his wife, who was passing along the street. He was pulling me out in the street.

Second defendant (deceased) said: first defendant and his brother spoke improperly about my wife. I did not pull him.

Second defendant was recommended to summon the 1st defendant and his brother, and both defendants were fined 10 cents each by Mr. Creagh the sitting Magistrate.

(London & China Express, Sept. 20.)

The *Fiery Cross*, an iron sailing ship of 1,400 tons, built to class 100 A 1 at Lloyd’s, was launched on the 12th inst. by Messrs. Charles Connell and Co., Scotstoun, Clyde. The *Fiery Cross* has been built to the order of Messrs. J. D. Clink and others for the East India and China trade, and is a sister ship to the *Fiona*, launched by Messrs. Connell and Co. for the same owners.

The appointment of Sub-Lieutenant J. F. Stuart to the *Sheldrake* on the China Station, for navigation duties, is gazetted.

Vice-Admiral Robert Coote, C.B., who leaves England early in October to assume command of the China Station in succession to Admiral Charles Farrel Hillyar, C.B., who vacates that command on promotion, has selected Capt. Henry Foster Cleveland (1875), who is now taking out the *Iron Duke* as the new flagship, to relieve the *Audacious*, as his flag-captain. Capt. Cleveland’s last command afloat was in connection with Admiral Sir Astley Cooper-Kay’s experimental squadron in the Channel, in command of one of the smaller turret-ships.

Sir Thomas Wade, K.C.B., has postponed his departure to China until the Messengers mail of Oct. 6. Lady Wade only proceeds to Egypt.

According to the *New York Herald* a new treaty has been signed at Washington between the United States and Japan, by which the two countries receive reciprocal commercial advantages from which all other nations are exempt, except on condition of accepting the same mutual obligations. The same paper alleges that a bitter quarrel occurred between the British Minister and the Government of Japan on the subject of quarantine regulations, which the Japanese authorities insisted on framing, notwithstanding the British Minister’s refusal to acknowledge them.

Since our last notice the sum of £1673 4s. has been subscribed to the “China Famine Relief Fund,” including £250 additional subscription from the Dublin Committee, and £150 additional subscription from the Manchester Committee. The total amount now subscribed is £31,503 16s. 1d., and £14,000 contributed through the various Missionary Societies in England.

The Rev. James Lamont, who for the last five years has been pastor of the Congregational Chapel in Hongkong, recently arrived in England from the East. Since his return Mr. Lamont has, we believe, been offered the pastorate of several churches both in this country and America, but has not yet accepted one.

Le Moniteur de la Flotte announces that the gunboat *Lynx* arrived on the 23rd August at Aden, and proceeded the next day for Singapore, Saigon and the China Seas. The second-class ironclad *Armidale* left Yokohama on the 18th July, and anchored the same day at Yokoska. At the same date the corvette *la Helice* *la Corse*, the third-class cruiser *Le Hugon*, and the second-class gunboat *La Surprise* were at Chefoo, en route for Shanghai. On the 3rd August the despatch boat *l’Antelope* ascended the Sango river to Quinon and de Hué, and left on the 7th of the same month to revisit the establishment at Poulo Condore. The third-class cruiser *Le Duchapeau* left Saigon on the 10th July for Borneo. According to the latest advices received of the *Hourayre*, third-class cruiser, she was still cruising in the Gulf of Tonquin. The health of the crew was satisfactory, but the gunboats *Hallebardes* and *Couteaux* were both affected with sickness at the local station of Tonquin. News has been received by telegraph, that the transport *La France* had left New Caledonia on the 30th August en route for Saigon.

Police Intelligence.  
(Before J. J. FRANCIS, Esq.)  
1st October, 1878.

TO-DAY’S FINES.

Le Afai, hawkling cat-fish in the streets. Fined 20 cents.

Oban Sin Wan, accountant of the Chung

in Chan Shop 68, Bonham Strand West, firing crackers. Fined 81.

Obi Iling, shop coolie, firing crackers. Fined 81.

Oban Achan, manager of the Tuk Wat

Leng shop 48 Bonham Strand West, firing crackers. Fined 81.

Tang Ayan, a hawker, no pass. Fined 63.

Un Awo, a farmer, no pass. Fined 63.

EXPLANATION.

William Mudden, seaman American ship *George Slofield*, was charged with being a deserter, and sent to the U. S. Consul and there he is held.

### INQUEST.

#### THE HIGH STREET MURDER.

The adjourned inquest on the body of Sum Ayeo, was resumed on 31st at the Magistracy. The following gentlemen comprised the Jury: Messrs. J. G. Liddell, A. Gillanders, and A. F. das Remedios.

Two or three of the men in custody gave evidence, but it was of a very rambling kind, and tended to show that the deceased and his wife were the first assailants and caused the quarrel.

The 3rd defendant said that it was the deceased who with 10 other men came to 1st defendant’s house and dragged him out, saying he wanted to fight again. The lung drove them away and at 8 p.m. they returned, when 1st defendant was standing outside his door, and began to beat him. 1st defendant fought with them. A European constable then came up and arrested the 1st and 2nd defendants. He explained to the constable that 2nd defendant had been fined before and had not been fighting on the occasion, and the constable thereupon released him. He did not fight himself, but was sitting on the counter in the shop the whole time and had no bamboo in his hand.

Inspector Cameron sworn, stated that he took the 1st defendant to point out the two women whom he had said on Tuesday prevented the deceased from beating him, but he failed to point them out and said they simply passed the shop and he did not know where they lived.

The Coroner then read over the whole of the evidence, and commented on it at some length; he explained the nature of the difference between murder and manslaughter. A Juror said he thought it strange that deceased should be the only man injured, although, according to the 3rd defendant’s statement, there were 10 men besides deceased, including his son, who were said to have taken part in the affray. The Coroner said the same idea had occurred to him.

The Jury then retired, and after a short absence, returned a verdict of wilful murder against the first three defendants, and found the others to be aiding and abetting.

### Canton.

Oct. 29th.

According to a Proclamation recently issued by the Namhoi Magistrate the pawn-brokers of Canton are directed to reduce the amount of interest charged during the months of November, December, and January. If the ordinary interest is 3 per cent. a month, during these three months it will be reduced to 2 per cent. If 2 per cent., it will be reduced to 1½. If 1½ per cent., no reduction will be made. Interest for 10 days after due date not to be charged; if over 10 days, a month’s interest to be charged. The meaning of this is that loans under Tls. 10 pay 8 per cent. a month, or 36 per cent. a year. Loans under Tls. 50, 20 per cent. a month, or 24 per cent. a year. Loans over Tls. 50 pay only 1½ per cent. a month, or 18 per cent. a year, and are subject to no deduction of interest during the winter months. The above calculation of annual interest is made to suit European notions. As an intercalary month occurs after each two years of 12 months, and each third year consists therefore of 13 months, it is not possible for Chinese to count their interest upon loans otherwise than by the month.

A notice has just been issued by the opium-binders of Canton, calling upon all labourers in that craft to establish a guild for mutual protection. The local term for hired labour is *店家*, in contradistinction to the term *東家*, employer of labour. We shall have more to say upon the subject of the guilds of Canton hereafter.

### CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the “CHINA MAIL.”

Oct. 31st, 1878.

SIR.—People professing to give information to the Public ought to know something of the matter about which they write, or if they do not, they ought at least to make some enquiry about matters upon which they wish to enlighten the Public. If not so, however, it would seem with your morning contemporary. If he has not the necessary material, he will not be silent, but must have something to say upon any subject if he is bent on it. The startling records of the rise and triumphant progress of the incipient rebellious movement in Kwaung-ki, which have appeared in the columns of the *Daily Press* during the last few days, the correctness of which was properly questioned in your last evening’s article, confirm the truth of this.

The presentation of the Memorial to His Excellency the Governor by the Chinese on Tuesday affords another theme to your contemporary for exercising his mental capabilities. Your contemporary dare not say definitely this time what the contents of the Memorial were; for if he did, he could be easily contradicted; but he would

“admire the industry which effected such a result as the collection of 2,262 signatures to the memorial!” It must have been brought about, he would have it, “by a systematic perversion of facts” and “the system in which the whole affair has been enveloped affords a striking contrast to the publicity which characterised the action of the European residents.” The sheer ignorance of your contemporary about Chinese matters will be believed when it is said that the contents of the Chinese memorial referred to have been published in all the local Chinese papers, including the Chinese issue of the *Press*, during the past ten days; and if your contemporary would only have taken the trouble to make the least enquiry before he wrote, he would have been saved the mental exercise of his brain. To this subject I may revert on another occasion, but it is enough to show that no reliance whatever can be placed on information regarding Chinese matters furnished by your morning contemporary.

Yours obediently,

A. B. G.

### ARRIVAL OF THE FRENCH MAIL.

The M. M. Co.’s steamer *Amazone*, Captain Didier, from Marseilles, with the London mail of the 20th September, arrived here this morning.

### TELEGRAMS.

(Straits Times Extra.)

St. Petersburg, Oct. 10.—The Russian Press has assumed an aggressive tone, and the Russians refuse to evacuate Burgos and Kirkilas (ninety and one hundred and ten miles respectively from Constantinople northwards.)

London, Oct. 12.—In consequence of a panic arising through a fire in a Liverpool Theatre, thirty-seven lives were lost and a great many people received injuries more or less severe.

Messrs. Hough Balfour & Co. of Manchester have stopped payment, their liability being one million five hundred thousand pounds.

Constantinople, Oct. 13.—The Russian troops are returning to Adrianople.

The relations between Turkey and Austria are strained.

Turkish troops have been sent to Novi-bazar (at the southern point of Bosnia) to oppose the Austrian occupation.

London, Oct. 14.—The Bank of England has raised its rate of discount to 6 per cent.

Vienna, Oct. 16.—The Austrian garrison for Bosnia and Herzegovina has been reduced to 100,000 men.

Count Andrassy refutes the charges of cruelty made by the Porte.

Batavia, Oct. 17.—The Commander-in-Chief of the Dutch forces in Acehene telegraphs that Abdul Rachman, the Achinese leader, submitted at Amalawoo and was escorted to Kota Radja where the ceremony of asking and granting pardon took place in the presence of all the authorities.

Constantinople, Oct. 17.—The Sultan of Turkey has written to the Amer, urging him to make an amicable arrangement with England.

The Governor of the Island of Crete has signed an amicable arrangement with regard to the Cretans.

London, Oct. 19.—The result of the enquiry held on the stoppage of the City of Glasgow Bank shows that the actual loss exceeds six million sterling, for which the Shareholders are liable.

A course of systematic deception has been proved.

London, Oct. 20.—Sir Stafford Northcote, in a speech made at Birmingham, said the British Government was sanguine regarding the future of Turkey which it intends to preserve.

London, Oct. 21.—The Directors, Manager and Secretary of the City of Glasgow Bank have been arrested.

(From Indian Papers.)

Mandalay, Sept. 24.—The King has been dangerous ill for a month past. All the Princes were summoned on September 12th. Nyongyan, the third in seniority, and the favored, trusted, adult son, being his father to be dead and his life endangered, escaped to the British Embassy with his whole family; the two eldest, already under arrest, were brought by an armed force and secured with the other princes inside the palace. The ministers in the King’s name requested and urged the Resident to surrender the refugee. The Resident replied that the asylum of the English flag was inviolable and compulsion inadmissible. Theebo, a Prince of the Royal blood on both sides, is a steady, industrious, and successful student, 20 years old. He had been greatly distinguished by the King for several months past, and was on 19th September formally proclaimed heir and regent, the head Queen assisting the ministers. The other princes are closely imprisoned. Negotiations are proceeding for Nyongyan’s voluntary return with guaranteed safety and suitable dignity. Nyongyan cheerfully acknowledges Theebo. All is quiet, and order is perfectly maintained.

Mandalay, September 25.—Quiet still continues here. It is believed that the King’s life is hopeless. He is in a state of hemiplegia. The ministers intimate a programme of progress, including the abolition of illegitimate monopolies and the removal of all trade taxes and restrictions. Reports have been received of a serious outbreak in Soistan, the district which was the subject of arbitration in 1872/73.

Lahore, Sept. 25.—The Mooltan Brigade starts for Dera Ghazi Khan on the 30th commanded by Brigadier Murray. It consists of the 70th, the 8th Bengal Cavalry, the 19th Punjab Infantry, also artillery (Fane’s Horse). The 26th Punjab Infantry leave Lahore to-morrow. The 16th Hussars are ordered to be in readiness. Fane is expected to command the Cavalry Brigade at Quetta. The Viceroy and the Commander-in-Chief are rumoured to contemplate making Lahore their winter quarters.

Baroda, Sept. 25.—Regarding the Cabul crisis, intelligent native opinion here is in favor of the immediate occupation of the adjacent tracts of military value as punishment, leaving the Amer to fight or submit. This course is preferable to carrying war to Cabul and incurring unknown risks and expense.

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## Intimations.

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OFFICE OF THE SHANGHAI STEAM  
NAVIGATION COMPANY,  
IN LIQUIDATION.A SIXTH RETURN of CAPITAL at  
the Rate of TWO TAELs per  
SHARE will be made to Shareholders of  
RECORD on the 11th October, Payable at  
the Office of the Liquidator, on MON-  
DAY, the 21st October.Warrants will then be delivered by the  
Undersigned to Shareholders, or their  
lawful representatives, on presentation of  
Share Certificates for Endorsement.The Transfer BOOKS of the Company  
will be CLOSED from the 11th to the 21st  
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Shanghai, October 9, 1878.

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same is required.A REDUCTION is made on RETURN PAS-  
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G. B. EMORY, Agent.

Hongkong, October 17, 1878.

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Hongkong, October 28, 1878.

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CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY,  
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POLYGRAPH & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, October 17, 1878.

CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY,  
ANGLIA.

NOTICE.

OLYPHANT & Co.,  
General Agents.

Hongkong, April 17, 1878.

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Hongkong, January 1, 1874.

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